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1. WE CONCUR IN HONG CONG'S ASSESSMENT OF PRC MEDIA
HANDLING OF THE FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM (REFTEL). WE WERE
PARTICULARLY STRUCK, HOWEVER
BY THE DEGREE TO WHICH
THE PEOPLE'S DAILY OF MAY P;)QRAYED THE 7LL OF
SAIGON AS A DEFEAT FOR THE UNITED STATES. THROUGHOUT
THE ARTICLE THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS BHAOYYMOSZED
AS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE WITH HARDLY A REFERENCE TO THE GVN.

2. THIS POSTURE IS A VARIANCE WITH THE BACKGROUND
REMARKS OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA TO BRITISH JOURNALISTS
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BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL) WHO NPOKE OF THE U.S. ROLE IN

VIETNAM IN MUCH MORE MEASURED TERMS. AS
PEKING REACTS TO THE RAPID SEQUENCE OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN INDO-CHINA WE SUSPECT THAT WE WILL SEE MORE OF
THIS DUAL APPROACH, WITH THE PRG TAKJHBXRILPOUGWVD
ANTI-U.S. POSTURE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION WHILE
PRIVATELSWPWILOPING A MORE BALANCED LINE. BUSH

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